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1. EMBASSY'S EFFORTS TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION FOR A TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF APO PACKAGE SERVICE FROM TURKISH GOVERNMENT ARE APPRECIATED. SUCH AN EXTENSION WOULD HELP ASSURE DELIVERY OF PACKAGES STILL IN THE SYSTEM.

2. REGRETABLELY, THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, BECAUSE OF THE TIME REQUIRED TO SEND INSTRUCTIONS TO ITS 30,000 POST OFFICES, CANNOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A SHORT EXTENSION TO AUTHORIZE ITS POST OFFICES TO START ACCEPTING PACKAGES

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FOR TURKEY AGAIN. THE POSTAL SERVICE MUST IMPOSE AN

EMBARGO ON PACKAGE ACCEPTANCE AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO ANY DEADLINE SET BY THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT PACKAGES INTRODUCED INTO THE SYSTEM WILL ARRIVE AT THEIR DESTINATION.

3. BECAUSE THE POSTAL SERVICE CANNOT MAKE USE OF A TEMPORARY EXTENSION, WE BELIEVE THAT NO FURTHER ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN TO EXTEND APO PACKAGE SERVICE UNTIL THE CONCLUSION

OF FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL'S FEBRUARY VISIT TO WASHINGTON, WHICH HOPEFULLY WILL ALLOW, INTER ALIA, FOR RESUMPTION OF FULL APO SERVICES.

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